



What is the pilot project?

In March 2009, GPO received funding from H. R. 1105, the Omnibus Appropriations Act of FY 2009 (P. L. 111-8). This law funds several important initiatives, including those of the Cataloging and Indexing Program (C & I). Among those initiatives is a project to enhance the services GPO provides to members of the FDLP and the public.

GPO has contracted with MARCIVE, Inc. for a pilot project for the FDLP. A small selection of Federal depository libraries will be chosen to participate in this pilot program in which GPO bibliographic records will be distributed from GPO's Integrated Library System (ILS) to these libraries. This is a new process and workflow for both GPO and MARCIVE, Inc. **This is a test of the record distribution process.** Participating libraries are not expected to add all records to their catalogs permanently (as explained in FAQ #6). This test will help GPO determine if this record distribution method meets libraries' needs.

GPO will evaluate the success of the delivery mechanism pilot and report back to the FDLP community on outcomes and next steps. GPO will take lessons learned from this pilot to look at a long-term solution for bibliographic record distribution.